Power Cut in Orissa

1429. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state·

(a) whether Government are aware of the large scale ower cuts imppored in Orissa:

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the same; and

(c) what steps are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Power cuts and peak period restrictions are imposed to contain the demand for power within the availability. The power cuts in force on industries in Orissa are as under:

Category of consumers	Demanad Energy Cut
(i) Heavy industries and private power intensive industries	75%
(ii) Large industries with contract demand more than 1.5 MW	50%
(iii) State Govt., Public Uudertaking & 100% export oriented power intensive industries.	30%
(iv) All categories of Industries	Peak period restriction
(v) Agriculture	No restriction

However, industries in Orissa are permitted to draw additional power to the extent assistance is available to Orissa from outside resource|neighbouring States.

(c) In order to improve the availability of power in the States, various measures are being taken which include expediting commissioning of new capacities, optimum utilisation of existing capacities, reduction in transmission and ditribution losses. In addition, Orissa is also entitled to its share from the Central Generating Stations in the Region. Assistance is also provided to Orissa from the neighbouring States|systems to the extent possible.

Financial assistance by Central Government for Bio-Gas Development

1430. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been providing financial assistance to the State Government for the development of bio--gas;

(b) if so, what is the amount of Central assistance given to the Orissa for the development of bio-gas during the last three years; and

(c) the details of the steps taken in Orissa to popularise bio-gas during this year?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) Yes. Sir. The National Project for Biogas Development, which caters to family type biogas plants, provides for Central subsidy, turn-key job fee, service charges, repair and maintenance charges, promotional cash incentives, organisation of various kinds of training courses and field demontrations on utility of manure, establishment of Regional Biogas Training and Development Centres, award of prizes, etc.

(b) The State Government of Orissa has been sanctioned about Rs. 5.33 crores during the last three years, i.e. 1986-87 to 1988-89 for various items covered under the National Project for Biogas Development. Besides, Khadi and Village Industries Commission has